MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) The Assistant Excise Commissioner, Arukutty.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) He is expected to be on tour for at least 15 days in the month.

(*d*) To attend to office correspondence and other works concerning his Division.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Yes; certain minor offences involving infringement of customs rules *viz.*, cases of difference between manifested quantity of goods brought for export and the quantity found on actual verification at the customs.

(*g*) The cases which the Customs Inspector is not competent to dispose of will be forwarded to the Customs Officer in charge of the Range for further action according to Law.

(*h*) No. The Customs Officer in charge of the Range is competent to let the arrested person on bail.

Preparation of a list of employees by the Public Service Commissioner.

435. ***MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Public Service Commissioner is in possession of the lists of all subordinates including temporary staff in the Medical, P. W., Education and other Departments?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: No.

Supply of sea brine to salt factories.

436. ***MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they propose to supply sea brine to salt factories; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the rate of cess they propose to impose on each maund of salt manufactured?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) & (*b*) The questions are under consideration.

Specification of charges in the Charge Sheet.

437. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the cut motion No. 494 carried in the Sri Mulam Assembly on 1st August 1939 regarding the desirability of the specification in the charge sheets of the purpose for proving which each witness in the charge sheet is to be examined, has been given effect to; and

(*b*) the action taken by Government and the Department on the cut motion?

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KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: (*a*) Yes. The form of the charge sheet has been amended accordingly.

(*b*) The Form of the charge sheet, as amended has been prescribed by Notification R. Dis. No. 1395/40/Judl. dated 30-3-1940 published in the Government Gazette dated the 2nd April 1940 and the new form is being used by the Police for charge sheeting their cases.

High level tank in the Trivandrum Water Works.

438. ***MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the high level tank in the Trivandrum Water Works overflowed at any time in 1113; and

(*b*) whether an enquiry was conducted regarding the matter if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative?

MR. K. SANKARAN: (*a*) Yes.

There was a case of overflow.

(*b*) No.

Breaches on the Chengannur-Mannar road.

439. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a representation from a member of the Legislature regarding the deep breaches caused by the recent heavy flood on the Chengannur-Mannar road *via* Pandanad at Vanmuzhi;

(*b*) the steps taken in the matter; and

(*c*) whether the Executive Engineer at Quilon and the Assistant Engineer, Mavelikara, have inspected the breaches and submitted a report?

MR. K. SANKARAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate for Rs. 2,670 for repairs to the breaches has been sanctioned.

(*c*) Yes.

Petitions for Improvements of the old tank in Marapattikkadavu.

440. ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether petitions have been received either by Government, the Chief Engineer or the recently abolished Irrigation Division Officer, praying for improvement, under the irrigation rules, of the old tank in Marapattikkadavu at the 3rd mile of the Kallil temple road Rayamangalam kara, Rayamangalam pakuthi, Kunnatnad taluk and pointing out that the paddy fields which were being irrigated from the above tank have now been left fallow consequent on the tank being filled up and a portion of it registered surreptitiously and converted into paddy field:

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